

ten or twelve years to complete the project. Already sheds are being dismantled and immediately alternative arrangement is to be made for the patients. Therefore, will the Hon'ble Minister consider allocating more money for this work?

SRI A.K. ABDUL SAMAD.—Mr. Speaker Sir, we have phased this entire project to be completed within a period of six years. This year we have provided Rs. 36.9 lakhs, next year upto March we have provided 1.10 crore rupees and gradually we have increased the amount. The intention is that we should complete this within six years.

SRI H. L. THIMME GOWDA.—I am glad the Minister has given more than Rs. 1 crore. The works on master plan of Bowring hospital, NIMHANS and Kidwai hospitals are also going on. So, will the hon. Minister consider sanctioning a separate PWD Division to look after these hospital works so that it can be completed earlier? Now the Building Division of PWD is looking after this work and they have to look after so many other works also in the State. If a separate PWD division is formed to look after these hospital works it will facilitate to see that the works are completed as early as possible. Will the Minister kindly consider this?

SRI A.K. ABDUL SAMAD.—Sir, we have had discussions and we have agreed to have a Sub-Division to look after these works. Right now we have sanctioned for a Sub-Division. Later on, may be next year, we will have a regular division.

Fixation of Minimum Wages in Shops and Commercial Establishments

664. SRI S. SHAFI AHMED (Tumkur) Will the Minister for Labour be pleased to state.—

(a) what action has the Government taken for fixation of Minimum Wages in Shops and Commercial Establishments works;

(b) whether Government intend to take action to revise the Minimum Wages Act of Public Works Department and Agriculture Labourer;

(c) whether Government intend to revise Wages of Beedi Workers?

SRI A. B. JAKANUR (Minister for Labour).—

(a) The proposal is under active consideration of the Government.

(b) The proposals to revise minimum rates of wages in respect of employments in the construction of Roads and Building operations and employments in Agriculture are under consideration of Government.

(c) Yes.

SRI A. B. JAKANUR.—As it stands today, for employments in the construction and maintenance of Roads and Building operations and employments in Agriculture, Government have already ordered to issue preliminary notification. Regarding revision of Minimum Wages for Beedi Workers, a preliminary-notification has been issued on 27th April 1980 and the State Advisory Board meeting is fixed on 18th August to consider the proposal.

Strength of Employees in Karnataka Power Corporation

847. SRI S. S. ARAKERI (Balloli) —Will the Minister of State for Power be pleased to state.—

(a) total number of employees in Karnataka Power Corporation, cadre wise figures may be furnished;

(b) whether it is a fact that Managing Director is ignoring the Government Orders making reservation in promotion to SC and ST Government employees and also not maintaining 18% in employment of Karnataka Power Corporation for SC and ST;

(c) total number of SC and ST employees in Karnataka Power Corporation;

(d) whether the percentage is maintained ?

SRI G. H. ASWATH REDDY (Minister of State for Power).—

(a) The details are as indicated in Annexure I is laid on the table.

(b) The orders of Government are not ignored while filling up promotional vacancies. It has not been possible for Karnataka Power Corporation to maintain 18% employment reservation in favour of SC/ST., since SC/ST. candidates are not attracted to KPC service.

(c) 600-S.Cs. 60 S.Ts.

(d) There has been a steady increase in the percentage of employees belonging to S.Cs. and S.Ts in the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited.